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- 1. An SED state secretary declared that the SED had only one possibility to fear: a four-power conference. The Western Powers could use it to stalemate the Soviet side by means of year-long drawn-out negotiations, after the example of Korea, in order to carry through the equipping and political union of the West behind the curtain.
- 2. Concerning the general situation: the Soviet Union would undertake nothing until the ratification of the treaties, in the hope that ratification could be prevented. On this account, a meeting of the foreigh mimisters of the east-bloc states has not been called, because crucial and difficult decisions will have to be taken, which it is desirable to avoid now.
- 3. The final decisions with respect to Soviet policy depend to a great degree on the result of the presidential election in the United States.
- 4. The Soviet powers and the SED place great hopes upon the Emergency Committee for European Peace, with Helene Wessel and Gustav Heinemann. The real wirepullers will sit in Berlin and will also have connections with French officials in Berlin.

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it is believed in the SED that opposition to the general treaty among the labor unions; the National Sprialists, and in West German Government circles (Karl Pfleiderer and Jakob Kaiser) is strong embugh so that ratification can be prevented. East-bloc propaganda will be concentrated upon the labor unions, especially in West Berlin. It is hoped that these Berlin unions may be detached from the West.

6. The complete isolation of East Berlin from West Berlin will not be enforced at present, although plans for a hermetic separation apparently have been

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worked out. The measures initiated have greatly upset the east zone, while West Berlin remains calm.

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